judication before respective Collectors. Only on finalisation of thesecases can any effective steps be takento recover the dues.

Sale of smack etc. in Vasant Vihar, New Delhi

1636. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD; Wiil the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware tha! smack, charas, Ganja etc. are being sold from a Jhuggi in the area situated behind the Indian Air-lines quarters in Vasant Vihar, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the local police has not taken any action to prevent the sale and distribution thereof;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor: and

td) what action is being taken to stop and prevent the sale of smack ete. from that place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM); (a) to (d) The Jhuggi belonging to Smt. Chameli located behind the Indian Airlines Colony in Vasant Vihar was raided. She was found selling smack and charas etc. About 19 grams of smack and 240 grams of chares were recovered. Cases have been registered against her and she is in judicial custody. The Jhuggi has since been demolished.

Vacancies of Income-tax Officers in Tamil Nadu Charge

1637. SHRI N. E. BALARAM; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to Mate;

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 50 posts of Income-tax officers are vacant in Tamil Nadu Charge and same is the position in other States;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for not getting sufficient number of personnel for the posts of Income-tax officers;

(d) whether it is a fact that there are enough number of experienced and qualified hands in the Inspectors grade who could be promoted as Income-tax Officers;

(e) if so, whether such a proposal is under consideration; and

(f) if not. what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SLATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI); (a) No, Sir, less than 50 posts of Income-tax Officers are vacant in Tamil Nadu charge as on 1.9.1987.

(b) Does not arise;

(c) The vacancies available in Tamil Nadu charge are only of ITO. Group-A (Jr. scale) which are filled through direct recruitment and promotions done by UPSC annually, which is likely to be done shortly.

(d) to (f) Even though there are adequate number of experienced Inspectors who are eligible for promotion as ITO, Group-B, no such proposal for promotion is under considera'ion since there is no vacancy in Tamil Nadu charge in the grade of ITO, Group-B at the moment.

Non-convertible debentures of M/s Reliance Industries

1638. SHRI M. S. GURUPADA-SWAMY;

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be Plesed to state;

(a) whether Government have banned the conversion of 'E' and 'F' series non-convertible debentures of M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd.:

(b) whether M|s. Reliance Industries Ltd. have defied the ban and advertised to convert 'E' and V series; und

(c) if so, what action has been taken against the Reliance Industries Ltd.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI); (a) Yes, Sir. In view of the decision taken on 10.6.86 not to permit the conversion into shares of non-convertible debentures and non-convertible portion of partially convertible debentures, M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. were permitted to convert the E and F series non-convertible debentures.

(b) The Government are not aware of any such action.

(c) Does not arise.

Vacancies of directors in Ihe banks

1639. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHU YAN; Will the Minister of FINANCE be p/eased to state:

(a) what is the number of vacancies of non-Government Directors on the nationalised banks as on 31st August, 1987;

(b) since when these vacancies have been existing; and

(c) uJiisi arc the reasons for the delay in filling up these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI); (a) to (c) On the basis of maximum number of non-official Directors that could be appointed on the Boards of Nationalised Banks 174 positions were vacant as on 31-8-1987. Most of the vacancies have arisen on various dates since January. 1985. The process of identifying suitable persons for these vacancies is continuing.

Accident Benefit Scheme for LIC

1640. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHU YAN; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Life Insurance Corporation has started Accident Benefit Scheme;

(b) whether it is a fact that undei' the Scheme a person must die within 90 days of an accident to recover accident benefit claims;

(c) whether the LIC has rejected several claims made after 90 days of the death of the Accident Benefit Scheme; and

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal to increase the time limit of 90 days to 120 days to enable several policy holders to take advantage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI); (a) and (W Double accident benefit is offered by LIC to its policyholders on payment of nominal additional premium. The double accident benefit claims is payable by the Life Insurance Corporation of India, only if the death solely due to accident, occurs within 90 days of the date of accident.

(c) Data relating to the rejection of double accident benefit claim due to death after 90 days from the date of accident are not available.

(d) There is no such proposal under consideration of the LIC.

Cycle rickshaw drivers in Delhi

1641. DR. BAPU KALDATE; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cycle rickshaws are allowed to ply within the walled city of Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these cycle riskshaw drivers have to obtain medical certificates;

(c) whether they have to approach a veterinary Doctor for obtaining medical certificate; and

(d) if so. what is the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI